

REMARKS

Claims 68-71 and 75, and 76 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite for failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's courtesies extended during the telephone interview on September 23, 2005 and his comments on proposed amendments to overcome the rejection.

Applicant herein amends the claim to clarify the claim scope without narrowing it. The claim is intended to cover initiators having two distinct reactive initiator sites. Claim 68 has been amended to include the limitation wherein the multifunctional initiator comprises an ATRP initiator site and a second initiator site initiating a first polymerization to clarify the claim.

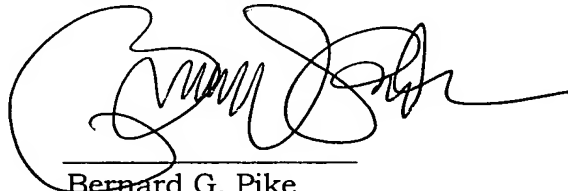
Double Patenting

Applicant herein asserts that the inventions as claimed in United States Patent Nos. 5,945,491 and 5,807,937 and the subject application were commonly owned at the time the invention was made, at the time the subject application was filed and have still commonly owned at this time.

Conclusion

Applicant has made a diligent effort to fully respond to all of the concerns and comments of the Examiner. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in the subject application. If the Examiner has any concerns regarding Applicant's present response, he is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below so that those concerns may be expeditiously addressed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bernard G. Pike", written over a horizontal line.

Bernard G. Pike
Registration No. 46,993
Attorney for Applicants

KIRKPATRICK & LOCKHART NICHOLSON GRAHAM LLP
Henry W. Oliver Building
535 Smithfield Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-2312

Telephone: (412) 355-8620
Facsimile: (412) 355-6501